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REVIEW OF HANDLOOM DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested to retain Market Development Assistance Scheme and Handloom Development Centre/Quality Dyeing Unit Scheme for weavers; and

(b) if so, the date on which the request was made and the reasons for not taking quick decision in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES(SHRI V DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) The Government of India has not received any request from Government of Andhra Pradesh to retain Market Development Assistance Scheme after its discontinuationw.e.f. 1.4.2000. Regarding Handloom Development Centres/Quality Dyeing Units(HDCs/QDUs), the Central Government had received a request for the continuation of the Scheme from the Government of Andhra Pradesh in December 1998.

(b) Although the MDA has been discontinued, it has been incorporated as Marketing Incentive in the new Scheme called Deendayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana which has been launched in the current financial year. The Scheme for setting up of HDCs/QDUs has been discontinued from 1.4.1998. However, the request of the AP Government was examined and not found feasible. The closure of the Scheme was reiterated to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh in March 1999. However, all the commitments made under this scheme during its currency are being honoured including financial releases for second instalment.